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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 63.1 degrees, 0.4 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 21. Precipitation averaged 1.14 inches, 0.45 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 4 points below normal.

Reporters rated 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 19. This is 0.1 days more than last year and 0.4 days more than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	6.1	6.3	92.8
2002	6.0	6.9	118.1
1998-2002 Average	5.7	6.0	121.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	7	82	11
Last Week	0	4	83	13
Same Week Last Year	50	39	11	0
1998-2002 Average	26	28	43	3

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Respondents estimate **Corn** at 88 percent dented. This is three days ahead of last year but four days behind the five-year average. Fifteen percent of corn is mature, compared to 34 percent last year and 44 percent for the five-year average. Growers have one percent of corn for grain harvested. This is five days behind 2002 and nine days

behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 45 percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is nine days behind last year and six days behind the five-year average. Fifty-five percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is three days behind 2002 and six days behind the 1998-2002 average. Soybeans are 15 percent mature. This is seven days behind last year and eight days behind the five-year average. Producers have two percent of soybeans harvested. This is five days behind 2002 and seven days behind the five-year average. Farmers have one percent of **Winter wheat** planted. This is three days behind last year and slightly behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 89 percent complete and the fourth cutting is 37 percent complete. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 73 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 79 percent of their crops harvested. This is nine days ahead of last year and four days ahead of the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 33 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 29 percent in 2002. The **Grape** harvest is 25 percent complete. Vegetable growers have harvested 95 percent of their **Cucumbers**. This compares to 93 percent in 2002 and 97 percent for the five-year average. Sixty-eight percent of **Processing tomatoes** have been harvested. This is four days behind 2002, and five days behind the 1998-2002 average.

The weather conditions last week were ideal for field work except for a hurricane named Isabel which gave the eastern part of the state a good shower. Many in the farming community attended the annual farm science review in London, Ohio this past week. While farmers were not at the review, they harvested soybeans and corn, planted winter wheat and continued baling hay. Producers chopped silage, cut cabbage, dug potatoes, and prepared to harvest sugar beets.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 69 percent good to excellent condition compared to 13 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 75 percent good to excellent compared to 4 percent in 2002.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	89	98	96	82	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	37	41	51	26	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	33	29	33	17	NA
Corn dented	88	84	92	71	88
Corn mature	15	34	44	6	40
Corn harvested for grain	1	4	5	NA	7
Corn Silage harvested	45	70	59	27	NA
Cucumbers harvested	95	93	97	90	NA
Grapes harvested	25	44	44	10	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	73	76	79	49	NA
Potatoes harvested	79	67	75	68	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	68	81	78	46	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	55	68	75	24	35
Soybeans mature	15	27	33	3	NA
Soybeans harvested	2	7	8	NA	NA
Winter wheat planted	1	2	2	NA	16

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	6	22	47	22
Previous Week	2	7	24	45	22
Previous Year	29	30	28	12	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	28	46	14
Previous Week	4	8	30	46	12
Previous Year	25	34	31	9	1
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	19	55	20
Previous Week	2	4	21	54	19
Previous Year	43	31	22	4	0
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	24	46	18
Previous Week	3	8	27	46	16
Previous Year	25	30	33	11	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	63.0	0.2	0.53	-0.18	26.06	5.95	99	3	2718	-63
North Central	63.2	0.3	1.39	0.54	25.09	4.39	97	2	2696	-46
Northeast	61.7	0.0	1.96	1.04	30.93	9.37	88	-2	2480	-104
West Central	63.3	-0.3	0.31	-0.27	29.30	7.79	100	-1	2855	-40
Central	63.5	-0.5	0.69	0.11	26.85	5.00	99	-5	2898	-26
Central Hills	62.5	0.0	1.79	1.08	27.27	5.31	92	-3	2694	-23
Northeast Hills	62.1	-0.9	2.02	1.26	28.57	6.80	88	-9	2710	-45
Southwest	63.7	-1.0	0.19	-0.40	28.63	5.95	102	-6	2995	-57
South Central	64.4	-0.9	1.07	0.40	31.91	10.44	103	-8	3068	-20
Southeast	63.1	-0.9	1.95	1.27	29.24	7.45	94	-10	2869	-42
STATE	63.1	-0.4	1.14	0.45	28.42	6.88	97	-4	2812	-47

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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